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EQUIPMENT BOARD MINUTES

Meeting number 5-67 of the Equipment Board was held on 13 October 1967 in the OC Conference Room. Those present were:

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D/CO  
DD/CO (Chairman)  
OC-O  
OC-OS  
OC-S  
OC-T  
OC-SP  
OC-E  
OC-P  
OC-E  
OC-OS  
OC-OS (Secretary)

I. OLD BUSINESS

None

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Disposition of RS-11 Radio Set

1. Introduction - Operations Support Staff memorandum M67-874 recommends that RS-11 components and accessories be removed from stock because the components have become uneconomical to support and because newer, more reliable equipment has been produced to serve the requirements originally met with the RS-11.

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2. Discussion - [REDACTED] opened discussion by presenting FI 67-317 requesting loan of RR/D-11 receivers (an RS-11 component) for a tactical intercept operation. After the chairman read the paper, [REDACTED] commented that the RR/D-11 is one of several receivers considered for the intercept task. In response to questions about component ageing, [REDACTED] stated that the receivers are not reliable, the main problem being that both tuning and calibration are difficult to maintain. While this shortcoming may not be important for an intercept receiver the equipments are not supportable. [REDACTED] raised the possibility of releasing a large quantity of receivers with the stipulation that they will not be supported; however, it was noted that Mr. [REDACTED] does not favor issue of unsupportable equipment.

3. Conclusion and Recommendation - It was agreed that the RS-11 be declared obsolete and that stocks be purged of all system components and accessories. Because the equipment is uneconomical to support it would not be good practice to offer components to liaison services; therefore, disposal of the RS-11 should be accomplished by destruction.

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B. Review of OC position on discussion about R&D effort

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1. Introduction - [REDACTED] mentioned recent cable exchanges between [REDACTED] and Headquarters regarding availability of the RS-59. (The COS, believing that the RS-59 would be available as originally scheduled, planned to use the equipment for current operations. Unfortunately, he was not aware of development delays for some components of the RS-59 system). In order to avoid similar misunderstandings, [REDACTED] asked if we have or should have a policy regarding discussion about development programs.

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2. Discussion - [REDACTED] expressed his opinion that there is nothing wrong with displaying development items and stating that they will be available on a given date. These statements are made with sincerity and good intent and delays are usually introduced by unforeseen events. Other members said that we need the benefit of discussion with the Clandestine Services and that the CS must know that we are working to solve their requirements. It was pointed out that comment must frequently be made on development items because availability of a new system usually affects quantities or timing for other programs. Any qualification to statements about availability is frequently ignored by persons not familiar with the usual development and production delays. Because the Engineering and Operations Support Staffs and the Divisions receive frequent queries, conflicting information may be given to the DDP. It was suggested that a basic dialogue be supplied for use by all concerned. Also, potential customers should be advised of program delays affecting basic equipment or required system accessories. The chairman recommended that information be presented to the DDP by Senior Officers.

3. Conclusion and Recommendations - It was recommended that OC Division officers receive timely briefings about new development items and that a bulletin be supplied which lists the status of programs nearing completion. Development information will only be passed to DDP officers by Senior OC officers and will be based on briefing and status bulletin data.

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